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Only the rust-pocked hull remains to tell the story of the Kukui's early years. There was little time for maintenance, let alone photographers or cruise books.

But those years must have been rough. Crammed with tower sections, concrete blocks, technicians and heavy equipment—with barely room left for a ferry crew—the Kuk put uncounted tons ashore the hard way: by landing craft carried on the ship. Nordberg's article on the Kukui (right) wasn't too far fetched.

Our thanks to District 14's P.I.O. files for these photos. Counter-clockwise from left: Highline drill with the Chataqua in 1966; Underway for Yap in 1963; Portrayed in 1959; being loaded to build Yap LORAN in 1963.

